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RELIGIOUS STUDIES **0490/23**

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1 hour 45 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** questions in total:
  - You must answer from **two** sections.
  - In each of your chosen sections, you must answer all of the parts of **two** of the questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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Answer **four** questions in total. You must answer from **two** sections.

Section A – Christianity

If you have chosen this section, answer **all** of the parts in **two** of the questions.

1 **(a)** Describe what a Christian community might do to help people in need. [7]

(b) Explain why Christians might practise different forms of giving. [7]

(c) 'All that a Christian needs to do is to love others.'

Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about other points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [6]

[Total: 20]

2 **(a)** Give an account of a Christian funeral service. [7]

(b) Explain why a believer's baptism is important for some Christians. [7]

(c) 'Believing in resurrection makes this life less important.'

Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about other points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [6]

[Total: 20]

3 **(a)** Give an account of Christian teachings about concern for all human beings. [7]

(b) Explain why some Christians might choose to become missionaries. [7]

(c) 'Giving is impossible for some Christians.'

Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about other points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [6]

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Section B – Islam

If you have chosen this section, answer **all** of the parts in **two** of the questions.

4 **(a)** Describe Muslim teachings on the roles and responsibilities of women. [7]

(b) Explain why Muslims believe that marriage is a religious duty. [7]

(c) 'Birth rites are of no benefit to the child.'

Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about other points of view. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [6]

[Total: 20]

5 **(a)** Describe what Muslims might do through their local mosque to help people in need. [7]

(b) Explain the significance of performing sawm for Muslims. [7]

(c) 'Concern for others is the most important part of Islam.'

Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about other points of view. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [6]

[Total: 20]

6 **(a)** Describe how the young are nurtured in Islam. [7]

(b) Explain why the elderly are cared for in Islam. [7]

(c) 'A happy marriage is based only on love.'

Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about other points of view. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [6]

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Section C – Judaism

If you have chosen this section, answer **all** of the parts in **two** of the questions.

7 **(a)** Give an account of how **one** Jewish agency helps to relieve poverty. [7]

(b) Explain the importance of relief work in Judaism. [7]

(c) 'Not everyone deserves to be helped.'

Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about other points of view. You must refer to Judaism in your answer. [6]

[Total: 20]

8 **(a)** Describe preparations for a Bar Mitzvah ceremony. [7]

(b) Explain the importance of ceremonies to mark a girl becoming a woman in Judaism. [7]

(c) 'Keeping kashrut (kosher) is not difficult for Jews.'

Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about other points of view. You must refer to Judaism in your answer. [6]

[Total: 20]

9 **(a)** Describe features of a Jewish marriage ceremony. [7]

(b) Explain why nurture of the young is important in Judaism. [7]

(c) 'Women and men are equal in Judaism.'

Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about other points of view. You must refer to Judaism in your answer. [6]

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